

worked on Turner Home Entertainment's marketing and public relations team, on actress Jane Fonda's staff, and with the Cobb Micro-enterprise Council.

Chief Washington earned an undergraduate degree in business administration with an emphasis on marketing and management from Savannah State University and continued her studies at National Louis University, where she earned a master's of science degree in managerial leadership. She maintains a commitment to professional development exemplified by her attendance of the Dr. Carl Holmes Executive Development Institute at Dillard University and the National Fire Academy, and her Chief Fire Officer designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

In her limited spare time, Chief Washington is also active in numerous professional associations and community organizations. She is a proud member of the Metro Atlanta Fire Chiefs Association, International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters, the Black Chief Officers Committee, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Georgia State Firefighters Association, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Ms. Washington also chairs the Georgia Firefighters Bum Foundation's board of directors, is a trustee of the iWomen board, and volunteers with the Decatur Career Academy Advisory's council and various mentoring programs.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I would also like to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to Chief Washington's loving family—her husband Gregory; daughters—Tahj, Lark, and Lauryn; son-in-laws—Lyndon and Mark; and her grandsons—Little Lyndon and Logan. I commend Chief Washington on her 10th anniversary and thank her for serving the City of Decatur and contributing to the safety and well-being of our region and nation.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO PETTIS NORMAN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the birthday of a dear friend and a true East Texas treasure, Pettis Norman.

Pettis Norman, once known as one of the premier athletes in the National Football League and a long-time Dallas Cowboy, is recognized as a successful businessman with a keen sense of civic responsibility and boundless energy. With more than forty years of business experience, this former Cowboys star has achieved record success on and off the field. Norman was active in changing the segregationist climate within the Cowboys and later the city of Dallas, helping organized marches during the civil rights movement influencing the changing of the team's roommate assignments and breaking social barriers.

During his collegiate and professional careers, Pettis was a stellar athlete. He was voted a First Team, Currier All-American in 1962, while attending Johnson C. Smith University as a physical education student. Upon graduating, Pettis joined the National Football League and won three championships as a starting tight end for the Dallas Cowboys and San Diego Chargers over nine seasons.

In addition to his professional sports endeavors, Pettis pursued a career in banking with South Oak Cliff State Bank in Dallas. Pettis was initially hired to work in Public Relations, but quickly rose to the position of Assistant Vice President in Business Development. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to Vice President, becoming the first-ever African-American Banking Officer in the region.

Pettis furthered his business interests by also venturing into real estate and restaurant franchising over the course of three decades. To date, Pettis has created four companies under the umbrella known as PNI Industries. He also created The Dallas Together Forum, consisting of approximately 20 CEOs from Fortune 500 companies, to address the pressing issues of minorities and female participation in the "bounties of our nation". The Dallas Together Forum became a successful model that had been replicated across the nation.

Pettis Norman is well-regarded and is highly respected within the Dallas community. I would like to recognize him on his birthday, and I thank him for his leadership to this community and to the city of Dallas, Texas.

HONORING FLORIDA REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD STARK AS THE ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR BY THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF BROWARD COUNTY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize State Representative Richard Stark of Weston, Florida, a dedicated public servant and my good friend and who will be honored as the Elected Official of the Year by the Jewish Federation of Broward County.

Richard attended New York public schools before receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Denver. He then moved to South Florida to join his family's furniture business. In 1990, he became an independent insurance agent, and today, operates a thriving independent agency specializing in life, health and insurance plans for seniors.

After holding leadership positions with Temple B'Nai Aviv, Rotary Club of Weston, and the American Youth Soccer Organization, Richard was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2012. Soon after, he was elected Chair of the Florida Jewish Legislative Caucus. Under his leadership, the Caucus has been instrumental in promoting legislation to combat the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement, securing funding for human services needs in the Jewish community, and ensuring the security of Jewish Day Schools throughout our state. As a State Representative, he works closely with rabbis, Jewish community leaders, and Hillels at Florida State University to engage students in the policy process and grow the next generation of Jewish leaders.

Richard currently Chairs the Broward County Legislative Delegation, serves as Deputy Leader of the House Democratic Caucus, and serves on the House Appropriations Committee, Commerce Committee, Justice Appropriations Subcommittee and Health Quality Subcommittee.

He has been married to his wife, Debbi, for over 30 years and his children, Lindsey and Jason, attended and graduated from Broward County public schools.

Madam Speaker, this award is a true testament to Representative Richard Stark's ongoing commitment to his community. I want to extend my warmest congratulations to him on receiving the Elected Official of the Year Award from the Jewish Federation of Broward County, and send along my best wishes on such a momentous occasion.

IN HONOR OF RENE DROUIN, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NHHEAF NETWORK ORGANIZATIONS

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Rene Drouin on his upcoming retirement from the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) Network Organizations after more than 40 years of service.

In addition to his work at the NHHEAF Network Organizations, Mr. Drouin has served as Chair of the Program Operations Committee of the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs, as well as the distinction of being designated with a Congressional appointment to the U.S. Department of Education's Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.

Through Rene's leadership, the Organizations employ nearly 200 people, with more than 800,000 student loan borrowers serviced as part of NHHEAF's Federal Direct Loan Servicing Contract, as well as servicing 40,000 Federal Family Education Loan and private loan borrowers, including many Granite State students and families. Rene has ensured the Organizations continue to have a lasting economic impact in our state and local communities, including generous charitable spending for financial literacy and college planning.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Rene for his commitment to championing college access and affordability in his 40 years of service at the NHHEAF Network Organizations. His efforts will continue to benefit our state for years to come. I am honored to recognize and congratulate Rene and wish him the very best of luck in the years ahead.

HONORING MR. PETER ARRIGONI

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Peter Arrigoni, who passed away on December 18, 2018, at the age of 87 after a lifetime of public service to his community.

Born in 1931 in San Francisco, Mr. Arrigoni later settled in Fairfax, where his extended family had lived for more than 100 years. He